



Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat

Trustees' Annual Report

1 November 2022 – 31 October
2023

Charity No: 299584

Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat
Western Esplanade
Sandown
Isle of Wight PO36 8JS

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Introduction



Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat is a charitable and not-for-profit organisation created with the aim of preserving human life by providing a 24/7 emergency lifesaving service around the south coast of the Isle of Wight. The charity is run entirely by volunteers from the local Sandown and Shanklin community and receives no funding from the government. It is also not affiliated to the RNLI.

Sandown bay is one of the main tourist attractions on the Isle of Wight offering stunning beaches, swimming, windsurfing, paragliding and fossil hunting. In addition, Sandown and Shanklin hold various beach related events throughout the year including regattas, swimming races and fun runs. The Sandown

& Shanklin Independent Lifeboat provides the safety for these events and therefore not only supports the massive tourist influx to Sandown Bay by providing sea and beach safety, but also supports the local community in its beach related community events. In addition, crew members from the Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat visit local schools and organisations giving water safety training and give sea awareness talks to local organisations.

Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat is a highly visible and integral part of the local Sandown and Shanklin community. It develops members of the local community and helps to encourage more people to use Sandown Bay's beaches safely.

Governance



Constitution

The governance of the Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat is defined in its Constitution which was last amended in 2018. The charity is constituted as a trust and has its financial year end on 31 October.

Patron

The Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat is proud and honoured that Mrs. Susie Sheldon, Lord Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight, is the charity's patron.

Trustees

The constitution endows the members of the Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat with the power to appoint up to 5 of their number to be Trustees. The Trustees as at the end of 31 October 2023 are:

Mark Birch (Operations Manager & Lead Coxswain), Sue Bavington, Christopher Bartlett (2nd Coxswain, Training Officer) & Richard Burns (Deputy Launch Authority & Fundraising Manager).

Management Committee

The Trustees of Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat are invested by the Constitution with the power to appoint a Management Committee to oversee the general management of the charity. The members of the Management Committee as at the end of 31 October 2023 are:

Mark Birch (Operations Manager), Christopher Bartlett, Richard Burns, Sarah Bartlett (Honorary Secretary) & Jennifer Venables (Honorary Treasurer).

Charitable Objectives



The objectives of Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat are to preserve and save life at sea for the benefit of the public by:

The promotion of technical education in life saving and resuscitation of the apparently drowned, and to provide suitable training of personnel.

The provision of volunteer life-saving services to the beaches and coastline in the area from Bembridge West to St Catherine's Point, and to ensure that this service is efficient and dependable in every way.

The promotion of sea awareness and the principles which underline safety at sea through public lectures, demonstrations, classes of instruction and competitions.

Achievements and Performance



Lifesaving

Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat provided 24/7 emergency support 365 days last year. The lifeboat was specifically called upon to attend 36 emergency lifesaving situations. In addition, whenever possible, the lifeboat provided a visible presence at sea during peak season, giving sea safety advice where necessary, and were available to respond to requests by local authorities to curb anti-social or dangerous behaviour by members of the public using Sandown Bay.

Training

All members of the lifeboat crew voluntarily gave up their time on Wednesday evenings and Sundays

throughout the year to train new crew members and to provide the mutual support required to ensure that all crew members have the highest possible knowledge of sea safety and experience. In addition, various crew members have voluntarily attended professional sea safety and first aid courses. The level of commitment shown by the crew to training ensures that Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat can provide the best possible emergency service.

Awards

On 28 October 2023 our Operations Manager, Mark Birch, was awarded the RLSS UK Service Honour – Bar to Service Medal for his long-term and voluntary service to the lifeboat.

Financial Review



Cash Reserves

As of the 31 October 2023 the charity had a bank / cash reserve of £292,168 which was split between operational reserves and the funds donated for the new build of the lifeboat station extension. The charity has adopted a low-risk strategy on the investment of reserves and holds the cash in two bank accounts: a major part of the cash reserve is invested in an interest-bearing savings bank account; the remaining funds required for operational purposes are held in a separate running account.

Fundraising

The Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat has a dedicated team of volunteer fundraisers. The team consists primarily of Mary Birch, Angie Burns, Jackie Kelly, Katrina Kelly, Keith Kelly & Janet O'Mara. The team is also supported by members of the lifeboat crew and the management committee.

The Trustees would like to express their gratitude to the dedication and hard work of all fundraisers. In this financial year the fundraisers raised £1425.

Donations

Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat gratefully received a total of £15,851 in donations this year.

Collection Boxes

Numerous businesses in Sandown and Shanklin kindly agreed to collect funds for the Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat by displaying collection boxes on counters and other locations within

their business. The Trustees are grateful to all the local businesses and organisations who have supported the charity in this way. This raised £3008.

Grants

Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat gratefully accepted the following grant:

1. Ward House / YBS Charitable Foundation - £2000 – Dry Suits

Lotto

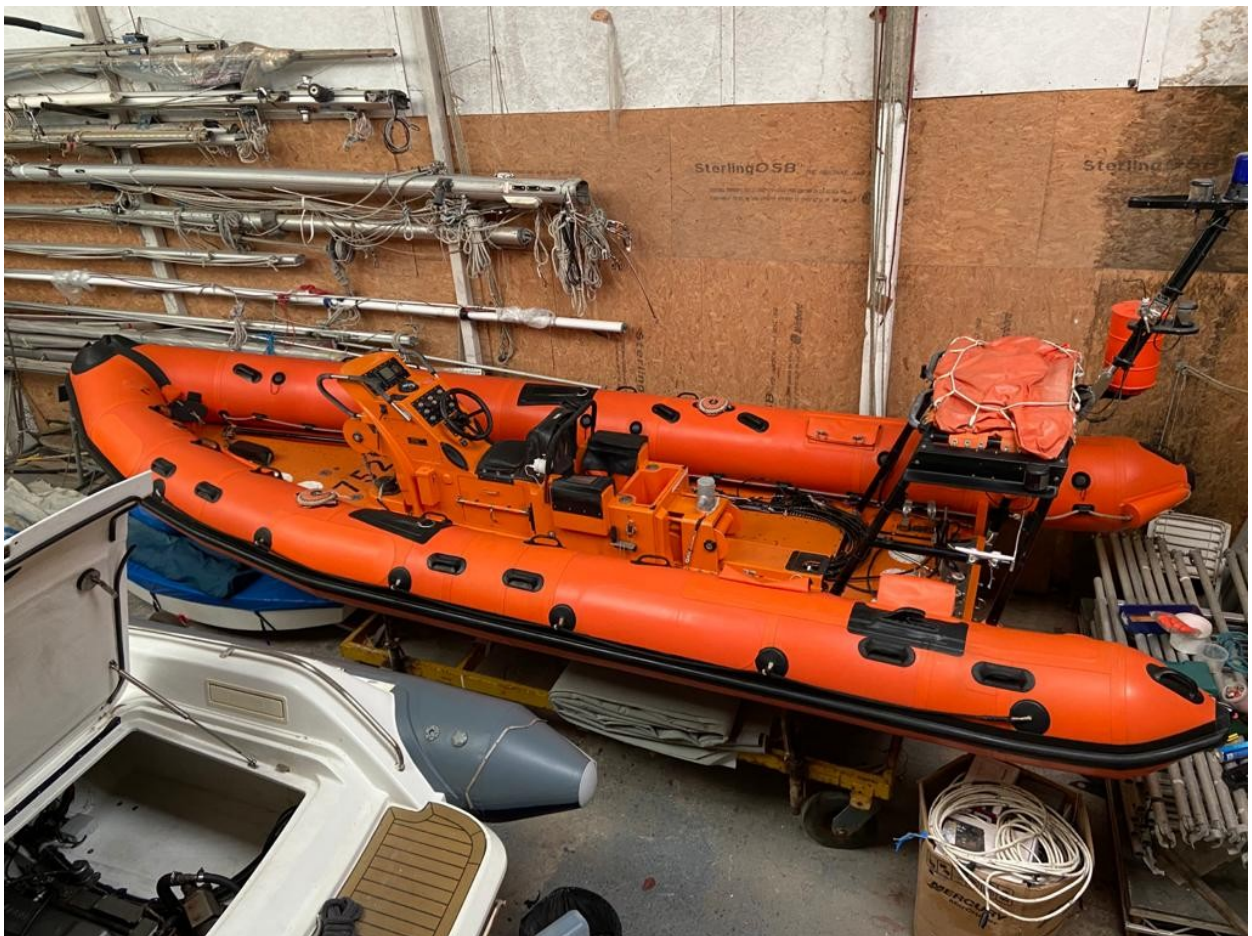
Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat received £12,462 from The Lifeboat Lotto Scheme this year, an average of £1,038.50 per month.

The New Build Fund

The appeal for funds to build a new extension to the existing lifeboat station was launched in 2004. The target amount was set at £150,000. The side wall has now been built to the station. Work continues. The fund reserved for the new build still stands at £87'632 as at 31 October 2023.

The New Boat

The new Atlantic 75 is still being stored and worked on by Will Squibb Ltd, Attrills Yard, The Duver, St Helens, Isle of Wight, PO33 1YB. Work continues. No storage fees are being charged.



Trustee Sign Off

The below Trustees declare they approve this report.

Signed by the following trustees:

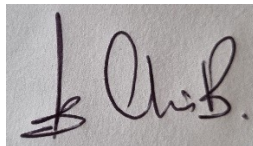
Full name	Mark Birch
Position	Trustee & Operations Manager
Date	15 August 2024

Signature



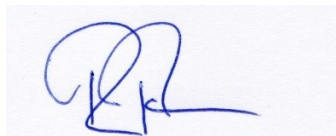
Full name	Christopher Bartlett
Position	Trustee & Training Officer
Date	15 August 2024

Signature



Full name	Richard Burns
Position	Trustee
Date	15 August 2024

Signature





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Nov-22		31-Oct-23

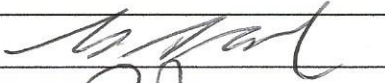
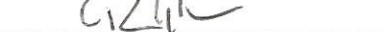
Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Receipts	34.896	2.000	-	36.896	58.069
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	34.896	2.000	-	36.896	58.069
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
None	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	34.896	2.000	-	36.896	58.069
A3 Payments					
Payments	16.347	-	-	16.347	34.997
Supplier Credit	- 86	-	-	- 86	- 910
Supplier Credit	- 266	-	-	- 266	- 65
Supplier Credit	- 187	-	-	- 187	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15.808	-	-	15.808	34.023
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
None	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15.808	-	-	15.808	34.023
Net of receipts/(payments)	19.088	2.000	-	21.088	24.047
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	183.448	87.632	-	271.080	-
Cash funds this year end	202.536	89.632	-	292.168	24.047

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	202.407	89.632	-
	Petty Cash & Other	129	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	202.536	89.632	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	None			
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	New Boat		-	45.000
	New Build (at cost)		-	37.372
	New Tractor		-	16.000
	Boat Trailers x 2		-	15.000
	Boat (Dove II)		-	25.000
	Old Tractor		-	5.000
	Direction Finding Radio		-	3.500
	Fundraising Trailer			1.000
	Yamaha Engines (2) & Spares			6.500
				154.372
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mark Birch	28/3/24
	Richard Burns	28/3/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 Oct 23

**Charity no
(if any)**

299584

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**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 10 / 2023

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

G Shorter

Date:

8/1/24

Name:

Graeme Shorter

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

N/A

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